# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY KENTUCKY BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN RE:

CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE # 5146 HELD BY Benjamin J. Spears D.C. Administrative Case # 09-022

Benjamin J. Spears D.C. 11901 Locust Rd Louisville, KY 40243

#### AGREED ORDER

#### **Parties**

**WHEREAS,** the parties to the Agreed Order herein are the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," and Benjamin J. Spears D.C., hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent."

#### Jurisdiction

**WHEREAS**, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to KRS Chapter 312 and the related administrative regulations.

#### History

**WHEREAS**, the Respondent offered complimentary coaching services on his website, www.carpenterchiropracticcenter.com, without including adequate notice of the seventy-two (72) hour right of rescission required by KRS 312.019(9)(g) and 201 KAR 21:065, Section 1(2); and

**WHEREAS,** the Respondent has stated that the coaching is a part of his practice; and

**WHEREAS**, the situation is ambiguous since the service is available to patients and the public at large; and

**WHEREAS,** the parties mutually desire to settle the issue in an expeditious manner, without the need for a formal hearing.

### Terms of Agreement

**THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed** between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

- 1) The Respondent shall carefully review the Agreed Order herein and enters into this Agreed Order knowingly, willingly and voluntarily and after having reviewed the due process rights afforded to the respondent under KRS Chapter 312 and the accompanying regulations;
- 2) The Respondent, Benjamin J. Spears D.C., accepts the reprimand of the Board for the above-stated violations. The Respondent agrees to act more diligently in the future to insure that all advertising issued by the respondent, or on the respondent's behalf, complies with KRS Chapter 312 and the accompanying administrative regulations;
- 3) The Respondent shall immediately include the complete notice of right of rescission, as required by 201 KAR 21:065, Section 1(2) on his website and anywhere the complimentary coaching is advertised;
- 4) The original, executed Agreed Order must be received in the office of the board, *postmarked no later than May 29, 2009*.
- 5) The board shall make no referral of this matter for any criminal proceeding;

6) The Respondent, Benjamin J. Spears D.C., agrees that the failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreed Order may result in the board setting the matter for an administrative hearing in accord with KRS Chapter 13B.

# **Voluntary Waiver of Rights**

The Respondent, Benjamin J. Spears D.C., has had the opportunity at all times to seek advice from competent counsel of choice. No coercion has been exerted upon the Respondent, nor have any promises been made other than those reflected in this Agreed Order.

### **Publication of Settlement Agreement**

The Respondent acknowledges that, once adopted by the Board, this Agreed Order may be considered a public document, available for inspection at any time by any member of the public under the Kentucky Open Records Act, and may be reportable under federal law. This Agreed Order may at any time be published on the Board's website, www.kbce.ky.gov.

# Complete Agreement

This Settlement Agreement consists of four (4) pages and embodies the entire agreement between the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners and Benjamin J. Spears D.C.. It may not be altered, amended or modified without the express written consent of both parties.

# Have Seen, Understood and Approved:

	5-21-09
Benjamin J. Spears D.C.	Date
License No. 5146	
Respondent	
Manuel menalse	84-04-09
MAŔK WOODWARD, D.C.	Date
President	
Kentucky Board of Chiropractic	
Examiners	

## **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify th	nat a true and corr	ect copy of the for	egoing <b>Agreed</b>
I hereby certify the <b>Order</b> was mailed via U	J.S. mail, postage p	ore-paid to the foll	owing this $\frac{576}{}$
day of June	, 2009:	•	
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Benjamin J. Spears D.C. 11901 Locust Rd Louisville, KY 40243 Respondent

HON. MICHAEL WEST Office of the Attorney General 700 Capitol Ave., Ste. 118 Frankfort KY 40601 Board Counsel

And the original shall be maintained by the Board

Karalee P. Oldenkamp, D.C.

**Executive Director** 

Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners